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1. France withdraws reservation on Berlin currency plan--
French Foreign Minister Schuman has informed US Ambassador Caffery that the French Government now: (a) no longer makes acceptance of the Berlin currency plan conditional upon the prevention of full discussion of the subject in the Security Council at this time; and (b) agrees to the proposed date of 20 March for the currency changeover in Berlin. Schuman indicates that General Koenig in Berlin has received instructions to accept the 20 March date and has agreed that technical arrangements should be considered immediately for the introduction of the western mark as the sole currency in the western sectors of Berlin.

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